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> Tabit Ghazzawi, * well-known land-owner and merchant of Deir-ez-Zor, is the director of communist propaganda there. He is assisted by numerous friends and relatives who are employees of the Syrian Government. One such relative is Isna'il Ghazzawi, his nephew, who is the deputy chief of the Surete in Deir-ez-Zor.

2. Source also states that Tahain Ayyash, chief of the Surete in Abu Kamal, ** is the nephew of lawyer 'Abd-al-Qadir Ayyash, *** active member of the Communist Party of Deir-ez-Zor.

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Connent. A reliable neutral source states that Chazzawi has been mentioned previously as a Corramist leader of Deir-ez-Zor, despite his large land holdings, and as one of the main advocates of collaboration with the Soviet Union.

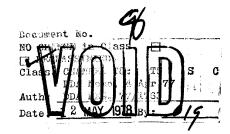
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Comment. Abu Kamal, according to a reliable neutral observer, is that point on the Syro-Iraqi border at which the Iraqi Government deposits Communists and undesirables who have been ejected from Iraq.

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Comment. In 1946 'Abd-al-Qadir Ayyash was reported to be a Commist in the Hassetche area. 25X1X6

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